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In re Application of:)
David DAWES) Group Art Unit: 2874
Application No.: 10/650,461) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
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For: OPTICALLY COUPLING INTO)
HIGHLY UNIFORM WAVEGUIDES)

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Each document listed on the attached PTO 1449 was cited in a communication in a counterpart Patent Cooperation Treaty application (copy of PCT International Search Report communication enclosed), and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date printed on that communication.

Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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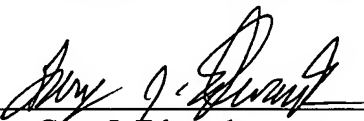
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Respectfully submitted,

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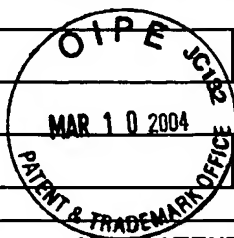
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